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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Guarantee of Medical  
5       Accuracy in Sex Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) A 2006 Government Accountability Office  
4 report entitled “Abstinence Education: Efforts to  
5 Assess the Accuracy and Effectiveness of Federally  
6 Funded Programs” finds that the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services does not review the  
8 content of the major federally funded abstinence-  
9 only education programs for accuracy.

10 (2) All federally funded programs aimed at  
11 helping young people make healthy decisions regard-  
12 ing their relationships and sexual health should in-  
13 clude medically accurate information.

14 (3) A 2004 report from the Minority Office of  
15 the Committee on Government Reform of the House  
16 of Representatives found serious medical inaccura-  
17 cies associated with a large majority of federally  
18 funded abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

19 (4) The Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM)  
20 found in a 2006 position paper that abstinence-only-  
21 until-marriage programs “provide incomplete and/or  
22 misleading information” and states that “efforts to  
23 promote abstinence should be based on sound  
24 science”.

25 (5) The American College of Obstetricians and  
26 Gynecologists have also expressed “the importance

1 of ensuring that all federally funded sexuality edu-  
2 cation programs include information that is medi-  
3 cally accurate and complete”.

4 (6) The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)  
5 believes that “children and adolescents need accu-  
6 rate and comprehensive education about sexuality to  
7 practice healthy sexual behavior as adults”.

8 (7) The American Public Health Association  
9 (APHA) “recognize[s] that sexuality is a normal,  
10 healthy aspect of human development ... and that  
11 individuals of all ages require complete and accurate  
12 information about all aspects of sexuality”. APHA  
13 “endorses the right of children and youth to receive  
14 comprehensive sexuality education that includes  
15 facts, information, and data and that demonstrates  
16 an appreciation of racial, ethnic, and cultural diver-  
17 sity”.

18 (8) The American Medical Association “urges  
19 schools to implement comprehensive, developmentally  
20 appropriate sexuality education programs that are  
21 based on rigorous, peer reviewed science”.

22 (9) Over 1 billion dollars in citizen taxpayer  
23 money has been spent on abstinence-only-until-mar-  
24 riage programs in the past quarter century without  
25 significant monitoring of the content of these pro-

1       grams in order to guarantee they contain medically  
2       accurate information and exclude inaccurate data.

3   **SEC. 3. MEDICALLY INACCURATE SEX EDUCATION.**

4       (a) REQUIREMENTS.—A department, agency, or  
5 other instrumentality of the Federal Government shall not  
6 provide funds or other assistance to an entity for the de-  
7 velopment of course material or the provision of instruc-  
8 tion on human development and sexuality, including any  
9 sex education, family life education, abstinence education,  
10 comprehensive health education, or character education, if  
11 such material or instruction will include medically inac-  
12 curate information. Before providing such funds or other  
13 assistance, the department, agency, or instrumentality  
14 shall require a sufficient assurance that such material or  
15 instruction will not include medically inaccurate informa-  
16 tion.

17       (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the term “medically  
18 inaccurate information” means information related to  
19 medical, psychiatric, psychological, empirical, or statistical  
20 statements that is unsupported or contradicted by peer-  
21 reviewed research by leading medical, psychological, psy-  
22 chiatric, and public health organizations and agencies.

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